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STATE CONVENTION PROGRAM TO FEATURE OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS

Formosa Offers Real Challenge

By DR. R. PAUL CAUDILL
First Church, Memphis

The dominant religion of the people of Formosa is Buddhism. There are three main divisions among the people:

1. The tribes people who live in the mountains and whose religion is filled with superstition.
2. The Formosians who are Chinese who have come from the mainland, during the last 50 years, or before and who are very strict in their observance of the Buddhist faith.
3. The Chinese who have come from the mainland since the war, whose Buddhist faith is little more than a form and custom.

Prior to World War II the English and Canadian Presbyterians were about the only ones who had done any significant mission work on the island. The following groups now have missionaries (Continued On Page Two)

Featured State Convention Speakers



DR. J. HOWARD WILLIAMS



DR. R. PAUL CAUDILL

Dr. J. Howard Williams, president of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and until recently executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will close the State Mission program Wednesday evening with an address. Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of Memphis' First Baptist Church, who has just returned from an extended world tour of Southern Baptists' mission fields, will speak Tuesday afternoon on "Baptists and Their World Mission."

To meet in Jackson Nov. 17

IMPORTANT MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

The 118th annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be held Nov. 17-19 at Jackson's First Baptist Church. It has been announced by Dr. G. Norman Price of Jackson, chairman of the Convention's committee on order of business.

Dr. John E. Barnes of Hattiesburg, Convention president, will call the body to order at 9:30 Tuesday morning in the historic church and the final session will be held Thursday night in Jackson's City Auditorium in the form of a great Youth Rally with Howard Butt, widely-known Texas layman, as the featured speaker.

Featuring the meeting this year will be the discussion of several very important matters, the presenting of encouraging reports of the past year's work and the appearance of an unusual number of outstanding program personalities.

Claiming unusual attention will be the Christian Education Survey Report, the proposed Baptist Hospital Medical Arts building project, the new proposed Ministers' Security Plan and the report of the Convention Committee on the new Constitution.

Speakers to appear will include Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor First Church, New Orleans; Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor First Church, Memphis; Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University; and Dr. J. Howard Williams, president of Southwestern Seminary.

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All the sessions will be held in the host church except the Wednesday and Thursday night meetings which will be held in the City Auditorium.

The Wednesday night session will feature State Missions with Dr. Chester L. Quarles, state executive secretary, leading and Dr. J. Howard Williams the principal speaker.

The opening session Tuesday morning will feature the president's address and the sermon, to be delivered by Dr. Harold G. Basden, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson.

In charge of convention music will be Rev. Russel McIntire, pastor of Clinton Church with Miss Hazel Chisholm of the host church at the organ.

Two outstanding Baptist laymen are scheduled for addresses, Lt. Gov. Carroll Gartin and Attorney General J. P. Coleman.

On Monday before the Convention begins, three important meetings, will be held including the State Brotherhood Rally, the Executive Committee of the State Convention Board and the usual pre-convention session of the Board.

A complete convention program appears elsewhere in this issue.

Open Second Annual Rural Church Contest

ATLANTA, Ga.—(RNS)—Opening of the second annual contest to determine the South's Rural Church of the Year was announced by the Rev. G. Ross Freeman, director of the Town and Country Development Program at Emory University's Candler School of Theology here. The program is sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Foundation of Chicago.

Churches of all communions are eligible to compete for 130 cash prizes if they are located in communities of 5,000 inhabitants or less in one of the 13 Southern states, Mr. Freeman said. Plans for extending the contest to eastern and western states are being worked out now, he added.

Purpose of the awards, Mr. Freeman said, "is to recognize worthy achievement in rural areas and to stimulate further development as a contribution to a stronger America."

Churches wishing to be judged in the contest were urged to submit progress reports by next April 1. An evaluation committee will study these reports and select a Rural Church of the Year

In each of the 13 southern states. State winners will receive a \$300 award, and be eligible for an additional \$300 to be given the one named Southwide Rural Church of the year. In addition, 52 second-place prizes of \$100, four in each state, and 65 third-place prizes of \$50, five in each state, will be awarded.

A total of 1,329 churches participated in the 1952 contest. The 32-member Methodist church at Egypt, Miss., won the all-South award.

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Extension Department Enrolls 870 Students

JACKSON, Miss.—(BP)—Eight hundred and seventy students enrolled in courses offered by the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention for the fall term, according to an announcement made by Lee Gallman, director, Jackson, Miss.

Four hundred and nineteen of these students enrolled in courses in Old Testament, 277 in New Testament.

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Mississippi Club At Southwestern Elects Officers

The Mississippi Club on the campus of the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth elected new officers at the first meeting of the new year.

Officers chosen by the group to serve this year are: President, Bob Compere from Florence; vice-president, Betty Hart, Sandy Hook; secretary, Annie Embrey, Jackson; publicity chairman, Bob Hearn, Laurel; and social chairman, Willie Mae Cutrer, Magnolia.

The Mississippi students at Southwestern send this message to all Mississippi young people who are prospects for Seminary training—"We love Mississippi and we have grown to love Southwestern. It is our wish that you might come to know and love Southwestern as we have. We have found a wonderfully warm spirit here and the training we are receiving can not be beat. We invite you to join our fellowship!"

"Forward March In Stewardship" Is Slogan Following Stewardship Schools

"With most of the churches having held their schools of stewardship during the past week, our watchword now should be to follow up and go forward," according to W. R. Roberts, state chairman of Christian Stewardship Week.

The schools themselves should be only one step in a series of strides in the matter of stewardship growth and development in our churches.

The setting up of church budgets, the taking of the every member canvass, the increasing of Cooperative Program gifts, the enlistment of tithers are steps many churches have not taken yet.

Every church is urged to get

its report on its school to the chairman for a final report.

Many good reports have already been heard. The observance of Christian Stewardship Week this year is destined to have a tremendous impact on Southern Baptist life.

Every church has been supplied with a post-card report form including the number enrolled by classes, the number of awards earned and the number of tithers enlisted.

Many of these cards have already been received in the Jackson office and others are requested to send theirs in as soon as possible.

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JOINS SBTS FACULTY



DR. ROBERT WHITNEY

Dr. Robert Whitney has been engaged as resident composer on the faculty of the School of Church Music of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Dr. Whitney is an international authority on modern music and at the present time is directing a \$400,000 endowment program to stimulate new compositions. He is conductor of the Louisville Symphony.

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Formosa Offers

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here as follows:

Canadian Presbyterians, 9; English Presbyterians, 12; Southern Presbyterians, 15; Northern Presbyterians, 1; Norwegian Alliance, 7; Lutherans 25; Youth For Christ 15; Independent Baptist, 2; Bible Baptist, 4; Southern Baptist, 26; Nazarenes, 4; English Brethren, 2; Mennonite, 7; Covenant Mission, 8; Pentecostal Groups, 15; Free Methodist, 4; Evangelical Alliance, 12; Oriental Missionary Society, 8; Soul Clinic, 4; Go Ye, 2; Brethren, 10; and probably thirty to fifty in various other groups, says Dr. Culpepper, making a total of around 250 Protestant missionaries on the island at present.

Four Baptist groups are working in Formosa:

First there is an independent couple, Dr. and Mrs. Hendon Harris, Jr., whose work is chiefly evangelistic and who have established an orphanage.

Then there are four missionaries representing the Bible Baptist Fellowship work in two places and a number of chapels and also a radio station.

There is also the Conservative Baptist Mission which began its work during the last six months and has ten missionaries in three of the small cities in the central portion of the island. They are engaged chiefly in preaching and in establishing chapels.

Last of all, there are Southern Baptists who began their work in Taiwan in 1948 with Miss Bertha Smith and Pastor Yang who came from the mainland. The first 3 years of their labor brought about the establishment of one church and several preaching centers. From 1950 to 1952 several other missionaries came and more churches were established. A seminary with 34 students enrolled also began. During the past year the work of Southern Baptists has emphasized the establishment of churches, and there are now eight organized Baptist churches and sixteen chapels which have regular preaching service, Sun-

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Tuesday, November 17 — Morning

- 9:30—Song, Scripture and Prayer .. Ben Trotter and John McCall
- 9:45—Organization of the Convention
- 9:55—Recognition of visitors and new pastors .. Chester L. Quarles
- 10:10—Fraternal Greetings .. Clinton Howell, John Reed Miller
- 10:20—Special Music .. Mississippi Woman's College
- 10:25—President's Address .. John E. Barnes
- 10:45—Report of Committee on Committees
- 10:50—Presenting and referring of Convention Board Report .. J. R. Davis
- 11:00—Presenting and referring of Education Commission Report .. W. Douglas Hudgins
- 11:10—Presenting and referring of Social Service Commission Report .. Carmon Savell
- 11:20—Presenting and referring of resolutions
- 11:35—Worship Hour
- Reading of the Scripture .. J. R. Davis
- Special Music .. Mississippi Woman's College
- Message .. Harold G. Basden

Afternoon

- 2:00—Song, Scripture and Prayer Evans Gremillion and T. D. Sumrall
- 2:15—Address: "Baptists and Their World Mission" R. Paul Caudill
- 3:05—Temperance Committee Report .. J. B. Smith
- 3:15—Address: "Moral Conditions and Law Enforcement in Mississippi" Attorney General J. P. Coleman
- 3:35—Special Committee on Convention Constitution .. W. L. Meadows
- 3:55—Mississippi Baptist Historical Committee .. J. L. Boyd
- 4:05—Miscellaneous Business
- 4:15—Adjournment

Night

- 7:00—Organ .. Miss Hazel Chisholm
- 7:15—Song, Scripture and Prayer .. Charles Shacklette and Jack Southerland
- 7:30—Reports of Colleges — Mississippi Woman's College — Mississippi College — Clarke Memorial College — Blue Mountain College
- 8:15—"Convention-wide Christian Education Emphasis, April, 1954" R. Orin Cornett
- 8:30—Special Music .. Baptist Hospital School of Nursing
- 8:35—Address: "The Conquest of America" .. John W. Raley

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Morning

- 9:30—Song, Scripture and Prayer, Herbert Eaton & Lewis Rhodes
- 9:50—Miscellaneous Business
- 10:00—Baptist Foundation .. Harry L. Spencer
- 10:15—Relief and Annuity Board .. Baynard F. Fox
- 10:40—Special Music .. Clarke Memorial College
- 10:45—Seminary Recognition
- 10:55—Address: "Expanding Our Program of Theological Education" .. R. T. Daniel
- 11:20—Special Music .. Clarke Memorial College
- 11:25—Address "The Cooperative Program" .. J. D. Grey
- Noon—12:30 — Luncheon Meetings
- Seminary Alumni Associations

Seminary Meeting Place
New Orleans Seminary .. First Baptist Church
Southern Seminary .. Parkway Baptist Church
Southwestern Seminary .. Calvary Baptist Church

NOTE: Provision is made for all Seminary Alumni Associations to meet simultaneously and the program is adjusted to allow more time at this noon hour. Tickets for all these meetings will be available in the foyer.

Afternoon

- 2:15—Song, Scripture and Prayer .. Charles E. Richey & W. W. Herrin
- 2:30—Committee on Resolutions
- 2:35—Mississippi Baptist Hospital Building Committee—E. O. Spencer
- 2:55—Address: "Social and Civic Responsibilities of our Mis-

day School, and various other meetings. The seminary students serve as pastors of the chapels and help to give guidance to the work.

The greatest need here in the island, from the standpoint of our missionary endeavor, is for added workers, and more adequate resources with which to erect chapels, and with which to assist in the building of churches.

Southern Baptists, for instance, have around 18 missionaries on the field at present with a prospect of a few others in the near future. But a hundred would not be enough to meet the challenge. The doors are wide open, and the opportunity is swiftly passing, because daily people die and pass to their eternal reward without

the knowledge of Jesus.

In the words of Jesus, "The harvest is indeed plenteous but the workers are few! Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the Harvest that he may cast forth workers into his harvest!"

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According to the Washington Religious Review, the prices of groceries is going so high (in spite of promises to "stabilize" the value of the dollar) that Americans soon will be spending almost as much for food as they do for tobacco, wine, beer, liquor and bubble gum combined. Many a poor family is finding that the old man can't buy groceries of as good quality as formerly because his beer bill is so much higher than it used to be.

- Mississippi Baptist People .. Lt. Gov. Carroll Gartin
- 3:15—Report of Special Education Survey .. R. Orin Cornett
- 3:55—Committee on Review of Education Commission Report
- 4:05—Election of Officers

Night — City Auditorium

- 7:00—Organ .. Miss Hazel Chisholm
- 7:15—Song, Scripture and Prayer—Reid Moore and T. J. DeLaughter
- 7:30—Committee on Review of Convention Board Report
- 7:40—State Missions .. Chester L. Quarles
- 8:30—Special Music .. Mississippi College Chorale Choir
- 8:40—Address .. J. Howard Williams

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Morning

- 9:30—Song, Scripture and Prayer .. Frank Horton and Clarence C. Randall
- 9:50—Baptist Record .. A. L. Goodrich
- 10:10—American Bible Society .. Thomas T. Holloway
- 10:20—"The Evangelistic Crusade" .. C. E. Wilbanks
- 10:35—Special Music .. Blue Mountain College
- 10:40—Negro Work .. W. A. Keel
- 11:00—Address: Home Missions .. Guy Bellamy
- 11:25—Special Music .. Blue Mountain College
- 11:30—"A Million More in '54" .. J. N. Barnette

Afternoon

- 2:00—Song, Scripture and Prayer .. O. J. Wells, Jr. & David R. Grant
- 2:15—Southern Baptist Radio Commission .. W. P. Davis
- 2:30—Baptist Memorial Hospital .. Frank Groner
- 2:45—Mississippi Baptist Hospital .. Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy
- 3:00—Baptist Children's Village .. W. G. Mize
- 3:15—Committee on Review of Social Service Commission Report
- 3:20—Report of Committee on Resolutions
- 3:30—Board of Ministerial Education .. W. E. Strange
- 3:40—Report of Committee on Ministerial Relief .. W. A. Hewitt
- 3:45—Associational Missions .. R. B. Patterson
- 4:00—Report of Committees: Nominations — Time, Place, Preacher
- 4:10—Miscellaneous Business

Youth Night — City Auditorium

- 7:00—Organ .. Miss Hazel Chisholm
- 7:15—Song and Praise .. Russell McIntire
- 7:40—Baptist Student Presentation .. Charles W. Horner
- 8:15—Special Music .. Combined College Choirs
- 8:30—Address .. Howard Butt

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND THE BAPTIST FOUNDATION

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA



Office of the President

September 4, 1953

Dr. Harry L. Spencer
Mississippi Baptist Foundation
P. O. Box 530
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Spencer:

In response to your request for a statement regarding the Baptist Foundations, I am happy to submit the following:

The Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma represents the one great hope of Oklahoma Baptist University for security and the guarantee of her perpetual service to Baptist youth. Dr. August Henry, executive secretary of the Oklahoma Foundation, has made a thoroughly comprehensive study of our needs as well as the needs of our other Baptist agencies and institutions and some of the procedures is developing long-range programs which when fulfilled will take care of these needs. The executive secretary of our convention, Dr. Thomas Bert Lackey, and all department heads are thoroughly committed to the program established through the foundation. The business of the foundation from the university's point of view is paramount and as I have indicated before represents our brightest hope.

Very truly yours,
John Wesley Raley
John Wesley Raley
President

Send a gift to endowment before the Convention.

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Harry Lee Spencer, Executive Secretary
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Added Testimony

Although one layman has suggested to the editor of the Baptist Record that he not urge churches to send their pastors to the State and Southern Baptist Convention, we were unconvinced. We have already given many reasons why churches should send their pastors to the Convention. Below we give the opinion of Prof. J. V. Baggett, who is moderator of a North Carolina Association. The quotation is taken from the Biblical Recorder and reads as follows:

"As moderator of our association (New South River Association) during the past year, I have had numerous contacts with our churches and pastors, and I have come to see the relation of the pastor and his congregation in a new light. I believe that if the pastor can have the opportunity to attend the state convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, and other denominational meetings, it will greatly add to his usefulness to his people and to the denomination."

If your church has not already made provision in its budget for the expenses of the pastor to the State Convention we urge that the church vote to pay the pastor's expenses. If that does not seem practicable, we suggest that somebody see a few of the members and raise the money. Your pastor needs the information and the inspiration of the Convention. Your church needs it. The pastor will provide it if he gets to the Convention.

Observations On The Associations

Although all the associations have not met at the time of this writing, enough of them have held their meetings for a general observation.

We feel that the meetings this year have been constructive, well attended and as a rule optimistic.

Interest in our denominational program has been good and reports have been constructive.

All the meetings were held over a two-months span. The initial meeting was Grenada on September 1, with the last ones Lowndes and Warren, meeting October 28.

Some of these meet one full day, some two full days, some one night and a day, and two or three meet three nights only.

One association changed its name this year, from Deer Creek to Humphreys County. This was done after three churches in the association, located in Washington County, withdrew to unite



DANGER—Mental Poison

with the Washington County body.

All the one-county associations in the state now use the county name, except one—Zion Association located in Webster County.

In one association this year an unusual thing happened when the local Methodist ladies "took over" the serving of the noon meal, freeing the Baptist ladies to attend all the meeting.

In nearly every association this year the State Convention Board and the Baptist Record were represented by a field worker from the Baptist Building.

The reports carried to the Association by the Convention Board and the Baptist Record this year were different from those of previous years and seemed to be well received.

Give The Record

Many people are worrying about what to give for Christmas.

Through the years an increasing number have sent the Baptist Record as a Christmas present to friends and relatives.

The Baptist Record will make a suitable Christmas gift to a friend. Unlike many presents, it will continue to give pleasure each week throughout the year. Its pages will instruct and inspire.

Give the Record and thus give the ideal gift.

A Wise Choice

We doubt if anyone will question the wisdom of the Foreign Mission Board in naming Dr. Baker James Cauthen as Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. Cauthen is well-fitted for this important and strategic position. He has had wide experience in all phases of Foreign Mission Work. He has served as a missionary from the lowest level to the top.

As Secretary for the Far East,

he has proven himself an excellent executive.

He has a pleasing personality and is well liked by all who know him.

A must for that position is the ability not only to present Missions, but to stir the people. Dr. Cauthen is just that. He thrills when he speaks.

We predict for him an outstanding record.

A Good Suggestion

The idea is not original with us but we should like to pass on for the consideration of Mississippi Baptist Churches the suggestion that in making up the budget an item of \$100, more or less, should be provided in the budget for the pastor to buy new and current books.

Books are one of the preacher's tools. If he buys them it means that his salary is reduced by that much.

The books he would buy with this fund would be books to help him in his work. Most other organizations provide their workers with tools. Baptist churches should do likewise. The \$100 will not hurt most church budgets, and will greatly help most Baptist preachers.

Our Readers Write

LIKES IT ALMOST 100%

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

Enclosed herewith is my check for renewal of my subscription to The Baptist Record. I cannot recall that either my father or I have ever let The Baptist Record fall long at the time to come to our home. It is a very fine paper, keeping one well posted on denominational work. I have been out of Mississippi now for several years, holding pastorates both in Kentucky and Virginia, but we keep your paper coming at all times. We like to keep up with Baptist work in Mississippi, plus reading the

fine articles which appear almost weekly in some form or another.

Though it is hard for one to always agree with everything that another says, yet for the most part your Editorials run a high percentage along our line of thinking. Keep up the good work, and keep The Baptist Record coming to our home.

JOHN E. BARROW,
Pastor Fries Baptist Church,
Fries, Va.

MAKES A SUGGESTION FOR STATE CONVENTION

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

I'd like to drop a thought for our Mississippi Baptist brethren to turn over in their minds and pray about before our State Baptist Convention meets in November.

I believe that our State Baptist Convention should have a rule that, "preachers receiving pastoral aid pledge themselves not to use tobacco in any form."

In our Baptist colleges, ministerial students who receive ministerial aid are required to be non-users of tobacco in any form. This is a very good rule. Yet there are those pastors in the state who receive pastoral aid and they use their tobacco.

It seems from this that we are not consistent in our thinking on this subject. Mississippi Baptists are striving under the fine leadership of our Executive Secretary, Dr. Quarles, to constantly increase the Cooperative Program receipts in order that we may have a good mission program for State Missions, Home Missions and Foreign Missions.

Money that goes to pastors as pastoral aid is mission money I do not believe that Mississippi Baptists appreciate the fact that a portion of the money, which they have given to forward the missionary cause of our Christ, is used up in tobacco, nor do I believe that God appreciates it either. I rather believe that it makes God sick to have the smoke of such a sinful practice blown into His face. And the tragedy is, using God's money to do it.

C. R. MAPLES, Pastor
Wayside Baptist Church,
Vicksburg, Miss.

SAYS RECORD HELPS

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

Let me add a word of commendation for the excellent job you are doing as editor of The Baptist Record. In my opinion, ours is the best State Baptist Paper in the entire Southern Baptist Convention. And, personally, I would not be without it in my work as pastor. May the Lord continue to bless you in your splendid work there.

A PASTOR.

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Royal Ambassador Secretary—Joel Ray

Y.W.A. HOUSEPARTY HIGHLIGHTS

MRS. CURTIS ASKEW

Mrs. Curtis Askew, a Mississippian, who has served one term as a missionary in Japan, will be the foreign missions speaker at the Y.W.A. Houseparty in November. A charming person and a winsome speaker, Mrs. Askew has a message of abiding interest for young women in our state.

Y.W.A. HOUSEPARTY SPELLS MISSIONS

Mark the date and place. . . . November 20-22, 1953 (Friday afternoon, 4:30, through Sunday noon). BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE, Blue Mountain, Miss., is the location.

Invitation is extended to all girls 16 to 25 years of age. This weekend is specially for girls in NORTH MISSISSIPPI (Districts 2,3,4,5), but if space holds out, girls from other parts of state may come.

Save your money, beginning NOW! The total cost is \$5.50 for the entire time. The amount is less, of course, if you can't come until Saturday.

Send your RESERVATION to state W.M.U. Office, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. \$1.00 must accompany the name of each girl registering (This is part of the \$5.50). Send reservations by November 13 to be assured of space.

Invite prospective members to come along with you to this Houseparty. A girl doesn't have to be a member to attend, or to receive a real blessing while there.

O-f course Y. W. A. COUNSELLORS are urged to attend with their girls! There will be programs, conferences, messages for ALL!

Needs: Be sure to bring linens (sheets, towels, etc.) Regular school or Sunday clothes will be fine; the banquet Saturday night, though "Dressy", is not formal. Be sure to bring along your INTEREST IN MISSIONS!

Speakers include: Miss Margaret Bruce, Convention-wide Young People's Secretary. Mrs. Curtis Askew, Miss Almarine Brown, W. M. U. President of Mississippi; Miss Edwina Robinson, Executive Secretary of Mississippi W. M. U.; Blue Mountain College personnel; State Y. W. A. Council, and others. Nell Taylor

Young People's Secretary, W.M. CARVER SCHOOL STUDENT WRITES

Jessie Smith, a graduate of Blue Mountain College, who entered Carver School this fall writes.

"I arrived at Carver School around 7:00 p.m. Friday night, Sept. 18. Several of the students met me at the station. They helped me with my luggage, getting it from the station and deposited in my room. I immediately began to feel at home. The friendliness of the girls and teachers here is wonderful. You can tell that they are letting the spirit of Christ fill their everyday. I feel in love with Miss Lansdell upon our first meeting.

"On Sunday, I moved my mem-

bership to Crescent Hill Baptist Church. I am certainly enjoying being a member of that church. There are so many things I could tell you of—the chapel services, the wonderful messages and Christian instruction in the classes, the personal interest the teachers take in the students, the lovely dining room as well as the entire building. I pray that I may be trained for the purpose of God's will for my life and the way that I can best serve my fellowmen as I witness to them about Christ. I shall appreciate the prayers of the W.M.U. of Mississippi."

FAMILY FUNBOOK

One of our emphases in Community Missions last year was "Christian Living in the Home." We are happy to recommend a book that will help "family social life". There are ten chapters filled to the brim with excellent ideas pitched to and adapted to Family Life and Fun. Perhaps the most complete source book ever yet published for helping parents provide ideas for activity in all the areas of family life. Watch for this book, available in the Baptist Book Store by December 1st, price \$2.95—place your order with them now.

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY

Miss Helen Falls writes sending the names of Mississippi girls attending the Seminary and giving their birthdays. You will want to remember these girls from our state: Dorris Bailey—October 3; Wanda Forbes, July 4; Vesta Price Jan. 15; Cornice Winter, June 8; Chi-Yan (Lydie) Lee, November 12; Dr. Tokiwa (Jane) Tomita, October 26.

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Extension Department

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tament, 218 in sermon preparation, 161 in religious education, and 51 in theology.

Enrolled in these courses are 524 preachers, 187 laymen, and 159 women.

Texas leads the states with 140, North Carolina next with sixty-two, Mississippi next in line with fifty-nine, Florida has fifty-eight, South Carolina fifty-seven, Louisiana fifty-six, Missouri fifty-five, Tennessee forty-six, Kentucky forty and Illinois, thirty-seven. Other states represented are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York Nevada Oregon, Georgia, Ohio, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, Washington D. C., Pennsylvania, Idaho, Colorado, South Dakota, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin. Foreign countries represented include Southeastern Asia, Canal Zone, Costa Rica, Brazil, Africa, Canada, and the Philippines.

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You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.—Brotherhood Journal.

When we forget ourselves, then we do things that will be remembered.—Brotherhood Journal.

HINDS WMU TO HEAR MISS FALLS NOV. 5



MISS HELEN FALLS

The Hinds County W. M. U. will hold a one day Mission Study Course at the First Church, Jackson, on Nov. 5. Miss Helen Falls, professor of the New Orleans Seminary, will be the speaker.

Mrs. Reid Moore, Associational Superintendent, announces that the meeting will begin promptly at 10 a. m. and will close at 2 p. m. Those attending are requested to bring two sandwiches each. There will be a nursery for the preschool children.

Miss Falls will teach the book, "Let's Listen", which was written by Dr. Cornell Goerner.

All members of the local church organizations are urged to assist in reaching the attendance goal of 500. Mrs. Chester L. Quarles is Hinds Association Mission Study Chairman.

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To Name Winners Soon

The out-of-state judges in the "Why I Like My Pastor" letter contest are now making their final decisions. The name of the winner will be announced in the Baptist Record within the next few weeks.

Editor Goodrich says that it will be impossible to immediately announce the name of the winner because of several things that need to be done after the winning names have been submitted by the judges. He also states that if the winners are determined in time that the winning name and letter will be presented at the state convention. He also hopes to have the winner present.

—BR—

LAKESHORE REVIVAL ADDS THIRTEEN

The Lakeshore Church, Hancock County, celebrated the opening of its new building with a revival October 4-18. There were ten who came on profession of faith and three by letter. Two young ladies dedicated their lives to mission work; they are: Patty Jean O'Farrel of Lakeshore and Gloria Wheat of Waveland.

The largest crowd ever assembled in the church attended the first service of the revival.

The pastor, Rev. R. L. McNamee, was the revival preacher and Paul Badget of New Orleans Seminary directed the music.

The church began in July, 1952 and now has a membership of 50.

Questions And Answers Concerning Proposed Ministers Security Plan

Questions and Answers

Additional information regarding the proposed Ministers Security Plan, to be presented to the State Convention in November, is provided in the following Questions and Answers furnished by the Relief and Annuity Board in Dallas:

1. Who is eligible to enroll in the Ministers Security Plan?

All active members of the Ministers Retirement Plan; all eligible applicants for the Ministers Retirement Plan membership who enroll in the plan; all who become eligible for the Ministers Security Plan membership in future years.

2. When will the new plan become effective?

July 1, 1954, in those states where two-thirds of the active Ministers Retirement Plan members enroll in the new plan by that time.

3. Is the new Program compulsory?

No. Present members may deny themselves these valuable benefits if they do not choose to pay the additional dues. They may remain in the old plan.

4. Can the member join the new plan and the church stay in the old plan?

No. It takes increased contributions from all three sources (members, church, and state board) to afford the liberalized benefits of the new plan.

5. Is there a date by which present members of the Ministers' Retirement Plan are expected to enroll in the Ministers Security Plan?

Yes. All present members will be expected to enroll by July 1, 1954.

6. How soon will benefits be payable under the new program??

At any time after the date the program goes into effect. On the day the program starts, the additional dues become payable and the protection begins.

7. Is membership in the old plan necessary to secure benefits of the new plan?

The new plan is simply the present Ministers Retirement Plan and Widows Supplementary Annuity Plan with benefits liberalized. After the Ministers Security Plan becomes effective one may join it directly.

8. How much more will the new plan cost the member?

Members of the Ministers Retirement Plan only pay 3 per cent of salary for dues; Widows Supplementary Annuity Plan dues amount to 1½ per cent, making a total the member pays now of 4½ per cent. Ministers Security Plan dues are 5 per cent.

9. How much will it cost the church?

10 PER CENT. The church now pays 3 per cent of pastor's salary. The new plan will be an increase of 2 percent.

10. How much more will it cost the state convention?

It now pays 2 per cent on Ministers Retirement Plan membership, and 1½ per cent on Widows Supplementary Annuity Plan membership. On the Ministers Security Plan it will pay 5 per cent or an increase of 1½ per cent.

11. Will a medical examination

be necessary to qualify for the new plan?

No Medical examination has been required for retirement membership.

12. Will the increased dues of the member be refundable?

No. Only the three per cent which has been paid on Ministers Retirement Plan is refundable. The additional two per cent goes to help fund the cost of the Widows Annuity before and after retirement, plus additional benefits of the whole program.

13. How soon can an active member of Minister's Retirement Plan vote to transfer to the new Ministers Security Plan?

After the member's state convention adopts the resolution the member will receive material via mail explaining the new plan. This will be mailed to the member by March 1, 1954. To join this plan the member simply signs a card enclosed in the material for that purpose and mails it back to his state headquarters.

14. How does the church become a participant of the new plan?

After the state convention adopts the resolution the church will receive material similar to the member (pastor). Pastor and church will receive information the same time. Included will be a resolution for the church to adopt and a card to be signed by the Moderator or Clerk and mailed to state headquarters.

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Virgil Ratcliff Accepts Nashville Pastorate

Rev. Virgil M. Ratcliff, pastor of Calvary Church, Waynesboro, since August 1949 has resigned his pastorate answering a call to Saturn Dr. Church in Nashville, Tenn., effective October 26.

Rev. Mr. Ratcliff is a native of Brookhaven. He received his BA degree at Mississippi College and furthered his education at New Orleans Seminary.

Since his coming to Waynesboro 4 years ago the church has made substantial progress with a total of 225 uniting with the church. Under his leadership the Sunday School is well on its way toward attaining Standard and the Training Union work is progressing rapidly.

A two-story educational plant has just been completed making the total valuation of the church \$55,000. A pastor's home was also purchased.

Besides the many duties performed by Mrs. Ratcliff in her own Church she served as Associational WMU President for two years, and two years in Lebanon Association.

A pulpit committee composed of J. R. Coaker, J. R. Cochran, W. E. Tims, Leland Pigford, B. L. Parker, Mrs. A. W. Gray and Mrs. Floyd Wood has been named to secure a pastor for the church. At a fellowship meeting following the regular Prayer Service on Wednesday the membership of the Church enjoyed a social at which time members of the Ratcliff family were presented gifts.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL RULES

First, Jackson, November 27, 1953
State Choir and Ensemble Festival.

Eligibility: All groups entering the District Music Festival last spring are eligible to enter the State Music Festival, November 27th.

Note: All groups may be enlarged. Change the personnel to suit the needs of the church.

Ratings: Ratings will be similar to District Music Festivals. Judging will be done by professional musicians, but sympathetic with our effort.

Groupings: All choral groups must have at least six in the group. There should not be more than one group in each age for the graded choirs.

Selection: Each choir or ensemble may use only one number. Selection should be made from standard materials. If in question, write the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson.

STATE HYMN PLAYING FESTIVAL

Eligibility: All hymn players who entered the District Music Festival last spring are eligible to enter the State Hymn Playing Festival, November 27.

Rules: 1st—Play the hymn as written the first time. Hymn must be memorized. 2nd—Play second time with song leader leading the congregation in singing one stanza of the hymn. 3rd—Play a variation suitable for offertory. If the variation is original, use approximately the length of one stanza of the hymn. If a transcription is used, used approximately the length of one stanza of the hymn, using the part of the transcription that would be most suitable for this performance.

Selection: Select any hymn from the Broadman Hymnal, or any hymnal published by the Broadman Press. Select a hymn that will demonstrate your ability to

the best advantage in the above areas of hymn playing.

Although it is permissible to use the same hymn used in the District Festival, it is advisable to select a different hymn from the one used in the District Festival. This should broaden the area of practice on hymns.

TATE INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

Eligibility: All ensembles, Woodwind, brass, and strings that entered the District Music Festivals last spring are eligible to enter the State Music Festival, November 27. The personnel of the ensemble may be changed, but each group should follow the suggestions listed below as to the number in the ensemble. If a church enters only one Instrumental Group, the ensemble may be mixed, Wood-Wind and Brass. Strive to secure good balance.

Brass ensembles: Not less than three and not more than eight instruments unaccompanied.

Wood-Wind Ensembles: Not less than three and not more than eight instruments unaccompanied.

String Ensembles: Any number of instruments from solo up may be used. Only members of the violin family may be used.

Selection: Any number that is religious in nature may be used. Hymns properly arranged for full harmony will be most suitable. Help from local instrumental music teachers may be secured in arranging the hymns for use in this Festival.

Dr. W. Clyde Martin Goes To Senatobia

Dr. W. Clyde Martin, assistant to the pastor at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, has accepted a call to become pastor of the First Baptist Church at Senatobia.

Dr. Martin will take over his new duties Nov. 1, and will succeed Dr. H. L. Martin, who has retired after 20 years as pastor of the church. Dr. H. L. Martin had been a Baptist pastor 54 years when he retired. The Martins are not related.

The new pastor was born in Rockingham County, N. C., in 1927. He received his education at Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, and at several other colleges where he did undergraduate work.

He has conducted evangelistic services in many Southern states during a four year period and has held pastorates at the First Church at Tate, Ga., and at Courtland Church at Courtland, Ala. He has been assistant to Dr. Robert G. Lee at Bellevue Baptist Church since September, 1952.

During World War II he was a Navy flier. Dr. Martin's wife is the former Miss Ruth Richie of Florence, Ala. They have two children. Dr. and Mrs. Martin expect to move to Senatobia in a few weeks.

Lauderdale Association Re-Elects Pfeifer

The Lauderdale County Baptist Association met in annual session October 15-16 with the South Side Church of Meridian. Rev. Curtis Askew, missionary to Hiroshima, Japan brought the missionary message on Thursday evening, and Rev. Edward McKeithen, of the Collinsville and Pine Grove Churches brought the associational sermon. Good reports were heard from all the departments of work. Rev. Gordon Sansing of the Broadmoor Church, Jackson, spoke for the State Convention Board and the Baptist Record.

Statistics revealed a total church membership of 13,619; 637 baptisms for the year; \$569,459, was the total receipts for the year, and \$108,686 spent for Missions; 9,864 enrolled in Sunday School; 4,145 in Training Union; 2,130 in Woman's Missionary Union and 575 in the Brotherhoods.

Rev. T. L. Pfeifer, pastor of the Forty-First Avenue Church was re-elected moderator, Rev. Jack Southerland, of Fifteenth Avenue Church as vice-moderator and Miss Ethel McKeithen, educational director of the 41st Avenue Baptist Church, clerk-treasurer.

The meeting next year will be held at the State Boulevard church with Rev. Jack Southerland bringing the sermon. The dates will be October 14-15.

Carroll, Montgomery Associations Consider Missionary's Home

Definite action was taken at both the Carroll and Montgomery associations in their annual meetings last week looking toward securing a permanent home for their joint missionary.

Both associations took action by appointing committees to meet together and make plans and report to the joint missions committee which will in turn report to the joint Executive Committee meeting set for Nov. 23.

Rev. John B. Laney is the missionary. A building site has already been offered as a gift, which will be considered along with other possibilities.

ERCEL BOYD ORDAINED

Ercel Boyd was ordained by the New Hope Church in Franklin County on October 11, and has assumed the pastorate of the church.

Rev. W. B. Boatner served as moderator of the council. The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Glen Alexander of Shreveport and the charge to the church, by Rev. L. J. Stotts of Natchez. The Bible was presented by Rev. Ellis Sullivan of Bude and the ordination sermon delivered by Rev. T. J. Boyd, brother of the candidate.

The ordination service followed a well-planned worship program. Rev. L. J. Stotts was the speaker at the morning service, when four were added to the membership, one on profession of faith, and 28 rededications. Dinner was served on the church grounds.

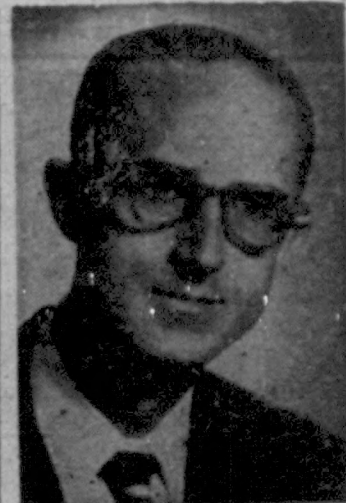
BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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BROTHERHOOD RALLY LEADERS



GEORGE SCHROEDER



GORDON SANSING

Shown above is George Schroeder (left) Executive Secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tennessee, and Gordon Sansing, (right) pastor of the Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi. Mr. Schroeder is to speak on the afternoon program on "The Brotherhood At A Glance" and is to lead the conference for Pastors and Presidents at the State Brotherhood Rally, November 16, beginning at 2:00 p. m. at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Sansing is to be the Toastmaster at the Banquet which is to be held at Calvary Baptist Church on November 16 at 5:00 P. M.

DIRECTS MUSIC



RUSSELL MCINTYRE

Shown above is Rev. Russell McIntyre, Pastor, Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, Miss., who will direct the music for the Rally.

Pine Level Progresses

Much progress has been made by the Pine Level Church in Green county during the past three years. Recently four Sunday School rooms have been added, a heating system and electric lights installed, and church furniture purchased. Painting, roofing and screening the church were part of the improvements.

The Efficiency Banner has been won for seven quarters, which is awarded on the basis of the six point record system. A mid-week prayer service is now a part of the church program.

An Extension Department has been added to the Sunday School. The Baptist Record and the Home Life Magazine go into each home in the church family.

Tom Brewer has been elected church treasurer and Mrs. Herman Turner, church clerk.

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B. J. RUNNELS

MSCW welcomes Convention

Hello, B. S. U.'ers! We here at MSCW welcome you to our campus. It is our sincere hope that this state convention will be the best ever held. B. J. Runnels, MSCW BSU president.

Campus Reports

From the 1207 enrolled at Miss. College, 1139 are Baptists; 32, Methodists; 19, Presbyterians; 13, other denominations, and 4, unaffiliated. Two hundred fifty attended the opening BSU party; 248 have recently joined the Clinton Church.

"Orchids To You"

The Baptist Record staff was overjoyed when Dr. A. L. Goodrich was named as the honoree on the radio program "Orchids to You," a weekly feature of a Jackson broadcasting station. Sponsored by Harkins, the Florist, the program recognized some successful person and gives just a few facts about them. In addition a beautiful orchid is sent to the honoree atop of box of chocolates.

As Dr. Goodrich is away attending an associational meeting as this issue goes to press, we are taking the liberty of publishing below the script used in the broadcast. —The Office Staff.

ORCHIDS TO YOU!

Great is the power of the pen . . . yes, but only in proportion to the power of the hand that wields it. Our orchid honoree today is a man whose press is his pulpit . . . and whose leadership has increased the circulation of his denomination paper many, many times. Our orchid honoree is a native of North Carolina. He holds degrees from Wake Forest College in North Carolina, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Vanderbilt University. In 1946, in honor of his leadership in civic and denominational affairs, he received an honorary degree from Mississippi College. He is active in Kiwanis work in Clinton. . . where he holds a six year record of perfect attendance. In the Kiwanis club he serves as chairman of the committee

32 is average at Noonday; 61 at Vespers at Southwest Jr.

Mary Dann Stampley is BSU president for Hinds Jr.; A. L. Courtney, for E. Miss. Jr.

78 Baptists at Woman's College, 80 attended opening party, 2 unsaved, 54 recently joined local churches.

221 Baptists at Delta State, 93 at opening party, more than 25 joined local church.

213 Baptists at Blue Mountain, 200 at opening party, 172 tithers, 120 joined local church.

115 joined the church, 75 average in Noonday, 82 for Y. W. A., 50 for T. U., 125 for S. S. at MSCW.

Miscellaneous

Larry Ragland, Pres. of Miss. College Ministerial Ass'n, is working on plans to make available to our churches ministerial students for weekend service. We commend this and hope our churches will use these students.

money to beautify the BSU room at E. Central Jr.

Miss Joyce Sowell has succeeded Miss Lurline Stewart as Fac. Adv. for BSU at Hinds Jr. We appreciate all the good Miss Stewart has done and predict Miss Sowell will do likewise.

Pearl River Jr. has 325 Baptists, had 200 at Welcome party, have 16 lost students and 32 Baptist Student subscriptions.

on support of churches, and has been a member of the board of directors. He has also served as vice president of the Evangelical Press Association, vice president of the Associational Church Press, and, in the Southern Baptist Press Association he has held the offices of President, vice-president and Secretary-Treasurer. . . serving in all three capacities twice, and as president he served three terms. He became circulation manager of the Baptist Record in 1935, and six years later he was elevated to the position of editor. At that time the circulation had already quadrupled. Boundless as his energy is in his work on the Baptist Record. . . active as he is in other organizations. . . he still has time for his hobby which is cultivating the finest in fruits, and vegetables. These he shares with neighbors and friends. HE remembers special occasions with a card. . . and is never too busy for the less fortunate. To a man of keen insight, studious mind. . . to one of humility and graciousness. . . goes our orchid today. We are proud to join HARKINS in saying, "Orchids to You" . . . Dr. Arthur Leon Goodrich.

—BR—

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. John E. Moore, Clinton; Dr. Charles F. Treadway, Nashville; Robert T. Tucker, Jackson; Frank Morgan, Jr., Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Brister, Jackson; Rev. Benton E. Evans, Hurst; Rev. William Broadus.

Important Notice

All applicants for Church Building Aid or Pastoral Aid must be presented to and approved by the Executive Committee of the association, and bear the signature of the moderator, clerk, and Convention Board member of that particular association. In the event one person serves both as Convention Board member and moderator, the vice-moderator will add the third signature. Such application shall be accompanied with a letter giving the merits of the request and must be in the hands of the (associational) committee by November 1, of each year.

The requests will be considered in the light of the known needs of the association and the state. The applications bearing the three signatures and accompanied by the letter setting forth the merit and need of the situation will then be mailed to the office of the Executive Secretary, so as to reach his office not later than December 1, of each year. All applications for aid must be made on the regular blank to be supplied by the office of the Executive Secretary.

This blank should be properly filled out, officially approved, and sent to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

CHESTER L. QUARLES,
Executive Secretary.
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HINKLE CHURCH TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

Hinkle church of Alcorn county will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary Sunday, November 8. Rev. Kendrick Pierce of Corinth and Mississippi College, the pastor, and his committee have made plans for an all day service. Dr. Chester Quarles, state executive Secretary, will bring the morning message. At noon a picnic lunch will be served.

All non-resident members and all former members and patrons are cordially invited to be present, and others interested are welcome.

Mrs. A. E. Ray has gathered from old records facts concerning the church and has prepared the history of the church. This history will be read some time during the day.

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MADRID, Spain — Miss Romano Navarro, 60, a Presbyterian Sunday School teacher, was arrested and held overnight on a charge of holding religious classes in a private home here. She was released later with a warning from police that any classes she conducts in the future must be held in the Madrid Presbyterian chapel of which she is a member. A magistrate's court imposed a fine of 500 pesetas (\$12.50) on the owner of the house in Madrid's Usura quarter where the classes had been held for several years. J United Evangelical Action.

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If Jesus did not die for all men everywhere, then maybe he didn't die for me.—Brotherhood Journal.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES BY REV. LEON V. YOUNG Clinton

Called and Accepted:

Otto M. Greer, Antioch Church, Mansfield, La. from New Lanaco, La.

Carl Johnson, Sheridan, Wyoming, from Calvary Church, Batesville, Arizona.

R. L. Harris, Midway Church, Epps, La. from Fort Necessity, La.

Shirley Briggs, First, Ferriday, La. from First, Tallulah, La.

Carl DeLatta, Bellview, Columbia, La. from Denham Springs, La. James F. Taylor, Bethlehem, Moriah Association, Lancaster County, S. C. from Birmingham, Ala.

Bert E. Williams, Monks Corner, S. C.

Nolan P. Howington, First, Little Rock, Ark., from South Knoxville, Tenn.

Boyd Eldridge, First, Vallejo, Calif., from First Bauxite, Ark.

C. D. Peoples, Lamaca, Ark. Lytle Blairsdell, Armstrong Ave., Kingsville, Texas from Association, First Clarkward, Texas.

Kermit T. Melvin, First, Gainesville, Texas from First, Robertown, Texas.

Jerry Green, Des Arc, Mo.

Hugh Trotter, First, Olean, Mo. J. E. Chandler, Little Big Creek Church, Epps, La. from Goodwill Church, Oak Grove La.

Fred W. Ayers, Gethseme, St. Matthews, S. C. from Nichols, S. C. Frank B. Haynes, First, Loris, S. C. from First, Aledo, Texas.

Ray Williams, New London, Texas.

Marvin Doolittle, Wallis, Texas from Orchard, Texas.

James Overton, First, Parsons, Tenn. from Central, Bentonville, Ark.

W. R. Thompson, First, Prescott Arizona from Trinity, Pauls Valley, Okla.

F. N. Pack, First, Lockhart, Tex. from First, Bracketville, Texas.

Jess Harmon, Second Fredericktown Mo.

Paul Graf, Urlick, Mo., from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Edwin Hunter, Centerville, Mo., from Coffey Mo.

M. Dale Allen, First, Concordia, Mo.

J. Louis Price, Dudley Shoals, N. C.

John F. Gibson, Natalbany, La. W. R. Rogers, Cherry Ridge, Bastrop, La., from Emmanuel, Monroe.

Arthur Farmer, First, Duquoin, Ill., from Murphysboro, Ill.

R. L. Lockerby, Easton, Ill., from North Paris Chapel, Paris, Texas.

Virgil Jones Cypress Church, West Monroe, La.

Lawrence Tucker, Benton, Ky.

W. L. Horton, Pleasant Hill, Madison County, Tenn.

W. Bryan Mitcham, Hurtsboro, Ala. from La.

Henry Lee Anderson, Landrum, S. C.

Jimmy Harris, Calvary Church, Aurora, Ill.

C. R. Saber, Lismore, La.

R. H. Wolf, Athens, La.

W. E. Harrell, First, Norwalk Cal. from Magnolia Temple, Houston, Tex.

Mission Church Members Average \$3 Per Sunday



REV. A. L. HATTEN

Shown above is Rev. A. L. Hatten, recently ordained ministerial student at Mississippi College who claims to be pastor of one of the Gulf Coast's fastest progressing missions, the 29th Street Baptist Mission in Gulfport.

Begun in August under an old time tabernacle with only an over-50 members and reported 14 baptisms for the months of August and September. An educational unit of block construction is almost complete with the congregation planning to move in Nov. 1. The most unusual feature of the building is that it is free of indebtedness, with all funds coming from the people of the church area, through tithes and offerings.

Plans now are underway to extend the 40 foot by 28 foot educational building to its permanent 60 foot by 28 foot size.

The mission is a product of the Long Beach First Baptist Church with Rev. John W. Green, pastor, and was begun by the Brotherhood of that church. An unusual feature of the work is that the present pastor, Rev. A. L. Hatten of Mississippi College, was president of the Long Beach Brotherhood, when plans were laid for a mission. At the time he had not surrendered to the call to preach.

The people of the mission, however, are due the lion's share of the credit for its success. They have given of their time, talents and money. Gifts have averaged approximately \$3 per person per Sunday. The lost are being won and the unenlisted church by a people who have a will to work.

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Atlanta, Ga. —(BP)— Clarence Duncan, professional newspaper man and director of public relations of Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn., has accepted the position as director of publicity and promotion for the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga., according to an announcement by Paul M. Stevens, director of the Commission. For several years before going to Belmont College, Duncan served as a reporter on the Nashville Banner and while there covered the Southern Baptist convention for the paper.

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What builds my church builds my denomination. What builds my denomination builds my church.—Brotherhood Journal.

Baptist Training Union

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JUNIOR MEMORY WORK DRILL

Boys and girls who are of Junior age participate weekly in learning a memory verse in their Junior Union. Each month these Juniors participate in a Sword Drill as a part of the regular schedule of a Junior Union. These two features combined give us the definition of the Junior Memory Work Drill.

Those boys and girls who made not more than one mistake in the Junior Memory Work Drill at the Training Union District Convention last June will be eligible to participate in the Junior Memory Work Drill held at the Training Union Convention on Dec. 29, at the First Baptist Church, Jackson. Only perfect scores will be recognized as state winners.

The verses that will be used at the State Convention will be the memory verses given from October, 1952-September, 1953, in the Junior quarterlies. Participants will be expected to know all these memory verses; to name the books of the Bible; and to participate in a Sword Drill, finding references anywhere in the Bible. The Sword Drill includes the scripture searching drill, the book drill, and the unfinished quotation drill.

Judging will be based on the verses as they are printed in the quarterlies. The judges will score only the mistakes or penalties of the participants. The following will be marked as mistakes:

1. Failure to respond.
2. Making an incorrect response.
3. Whispering or inattention or any other unnecessary response.
4. Three penalties in the Sword drill. (Three penalties equal one mistake).

The penalties will be recorded for the following reasons:

1. Failure to step forward during the time allowed for the call.
2. Stepping forward with the wrong reference. Participants will be expected to state when they have the wrong reference whether called upon to read or not.
3. Failure to keep eyes upon the leader until the command "Charge" is given.
4. Failure to hold the Bible properly.
5. Sliding or jumping forward instead of stepping or for otherwise disturbing other participants in the drill.
6. Flipping pages carelessly, closing Bible with unnecessary noise or otherwise abusing the Bible.
7. Stepping forward before he has his finger on the correct reference.

NEW TRAINING UNION

Woodland Church of Chickasaw County has recently organized a Training Union with an enrolment of forty, according to Mrs. H. L. Andrews, Associational Training Union Director. The Director of this church is Mr. Paul Warner. Units organized were an Adult, Young People, Intermediate, and

Junior Unions and a Primary Department.

ATTENTION INTERMEDIATE LEADERS

The Baptist Book Store has advised the Training Union Department of a change in price on the official Sword Drill Bible (B100). These Bibles now sell for single copies \$1.75; in quantities of 25, \$42.50; 50 for \$82.50, and 100 for \$160.

We trust that this reduction in price will be an incentive for churches to stock a supply of these Bibles for use by Intermediate and Juniors in their regular Sword Drill work.

DESOTO ASSOCIATION HAS MASS MEETING

The DeSoto County Association Training Union Mass meeting was held at the Olive Branch Baptist Church, Monday night, October 12, with 265 present. There were 7 of the 8 churches with Training Unions in the Association represented. New Prospect was awarded the efficiency banner with 86 per cent of their members present. Olive Branch was awarded the banner for the largest number present.

Rev. D. M. Metis of the Mallory Heights Baptist Church, Memphis, was the guest speaker. His subject was "Church Membership Through Training Union." Eldridge Ross, Associational Director, presided.

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RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS: Reverend N. H. Pulling has served the McCool Baptist Church for a year as pastor, but has resigned to accept full time work at another church.

WHEREAS: His service here was efficient faithful and untiring.
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That we extend to him our best wishes for his continued success in his chosen field and that we commend him to the members of his new church and the community at large as being worthy and dependable.

Respectfully submitted: Mrs. M. Gallaspy, chairman, Mrs. M. P. Doty.

Paid

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

Church	Enrolmt.	Offg.
Toccopola (Pontotoc)	34	6.32
McNeil (Pearl River)	102	20.00
Johnson Creek (Greene)	37	10.50
New Eva (Negro)	49	13.28
Emmanuel, Jackson	131	
New Salem (Lowndes)	90	18.14
Beulah (Holmes)	82	12.00
Endville (Pontotoc)	75	11.00
Union Ridge (Winston)	53	4.12
Tiptersville	50	5.00
Morrison Chapel (Bolivar)	185	13.52
County Line (Pontotoc)	29	3.79
Walnut (Riverside)	90	13.16
Sallis	97	18.31

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The future is a dark valley lighted by the promises of God.—Brotherhood Journal.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

October 25, 1953

Kreole	102	67
Hickory Flat	125	83
Beulah (Brownsville)	79	91
Yazoo City, Calvary	222	172
Wayside (Yalobusha)	39	
Hattiesburg, First	648	190
Friendship (Jackson Co.)	104	131
Pascagoula, First	892	354
Main School	686	236
Jackson Ave. Chapel	79	40
McArthur Chapel	77	55
Orange Grove Chapel	50	23
Spanish Fort (Sharkey County)	75	
Bethel (Rankin Co.)	91	54
Morton	318	10
Main	285	
Mission	33	
Clinton	713	349
Jackson:		
Daniel Memorial	697	303
Northside	537	130
First	1704	644
Main	1490	558
Ridgecrest	214	108
Leavell Woods	138	84
Calvary	1497	463
Main	1437	409
Mission	60	54
West Jackson	271	130
Southside	350	189
Van Winkle	490	275
Crestwood	406	417
Parkway	1209	575
Highland	137	95
Columbus, First	900	345
Calvary (Amite)	42	49
Greenwood, Calvary	452	192
Union (Alcorn Co.)	65	78
Marks, First	175	55
Mission	20	
East Corinth (Alcorn Co.)	104	69
Vicksburg, Northside	70	83
Clarksdale	652	114
Grenada, First	626	146
Aberdeen	397	128
Meridian, South Side	492	218
Meridian, Oakland	260	89
Union Chapel (Chickasaw Co.)	66	77
West Point, Calvary	200	134
Long Beach	250	99
Main	214	
29th St. Mission	36	
Grenada, Emmanuel	270	124
Laurel, Joe Wheeler	49	42
Mont Rose (Clarke Co.)	97	90
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	135	109
Laurel, Harmony	159	106
McComb, Locust St.	78	52
New Hope (Jones Co.)	55	42
Sand Hill (Jones Co.)	68	56
Laurel, Highland	206	104
Taylorsville	194	110
Center Terrace	231	108
Meridian, Highland	508	163
Kosciusko, First	717	259
Columbus, East End	233	129
Yazoo City, First	553	190
McComb, Friendship	168	109
Cross Roads (Webster Co.)	80	58
Houston, First	278	153
Amity (Chickasaw Co.)	52	52
Longview (Oktibbeha Co.)	90	50
Darling	88	59
Columbs, Southside	126	82
Mission	22	
Glenfield (Union Co.)	103	95
Lula	108	76
Olive Branch	134	102
Philadelphia, First	441	144
Lucedale	368	172
Puprvis, First	225	102
Chester (Choctaw Co.)	73	46
Concord (Choctaw Co.)	96	83
Toccopola (Pontotoc Co.)	36	24
Abbeville (Lafayette Co.)	48	19
Charleston, First	361	138
Biloxi, First	570	194
Pelahatchie	174	76
Meridian, 15th Ave.	602	262
Hattiesburg, Temple	572	206
Mt. Zion (Lincoln Co.)	107	81
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	159	87
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn Assn.)	134	161
Brookhaven, First	854	368
Main	755	279
Southway	79	69
Halbert Heights	30	20
Handsboro	266	122
Newton	511	293
Fair River (Lincoln Co.)	123	68
Gulfport, First	936	321
Grace Memorial (Gulf Coast Assn.)	264	44
Petal Harvey	372	162
Main School	346	
Harvey Mission	26	
Raymond	198	80
Calhoun City, First	343	178
Holly Bluff	93	85
Shiloh (Marion Co.)	65	82
Ruleville	265	128
Main	226	75
Mission	39	53
Oxford, First	397	154
Anchor (Lafayette Co.)	38	21
Yellow Leaf (Lafayette Co.)	51	78
DeLay	83	104
Crowder	167	117
New Albany	659	254
Mission	44	
East McComb	464	228
Meridian, Poplar Spgs.	383	169
Hattiesburg, Main St.	1033	394
Petal, First	111	62
Laurel, First	610	202
Laurel, Second Ave.	419	118
Laurel, Hillcrest	57	58
Laurel, Wildwood	158	80



Shown above are members of the Cherub Choir of Seminary Baptist Church; first row, Wallace Pritchett, Bucky Lott, Tommy Pritchett, Garland Robertson, Don Powell, and Lowell Lott; Second row: Sarah Graham, Brenda Graham, Diane Moore, Marilyn Lott and Nancy Powell; Third row: Jane Williamson, Treva Rutland, Sherrill Robins, Charlene Arrington and Janice Buckalew; Fourth row: Mary Lou Lott, Peggy Powell, Patricia Aultman and Sherrill Ross.

Seminary Choir Sings Story Of Jonah

Seminary Baptist Church Choir presented the story of the prophet Jonah in song, verse, and dramatic style at the regular Sunday night worship service. Children of this group are from ages 3 to 8 years of age. The girls, dressed in white robes and silver halos,

represented angels in bringing Jonah messages from heaven. The boys dressed as sailors, represented the men on board the ship from which Jonah was thrown overboard. Behind the choir is shown an improvised large fish used to represent the sea monster which swallowed Jonah. Lighting and sound effects were used throughout the program to demonstrate the lightning and the thunder that took place while Jonah was out at sea.

Garland Robertson portrayed the role of Jonah. Little Tommy Pritchett, clothed as a sea captain, played the part as ship.

Mrs. Byron Mathis, wife of the pastor and director of the church's graded choir program, presented this feature as one of the many activities the various choirs sponsor each year as special programs. Miss Martha Sarah Cranford, was accompanied for the choir.

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NOT ON SUNDAY MORNING

It has come to our attention that, in another state, the workers in the Cradle Roll departments of a few schools are having a meeting during the Sunday school hour on Sunday morning to discuss the Cradle Roll work.

Now, we are for the Cradle Roll work as much as any one, but are unalterably opposed to having any kind of meeting during the regular Sunday school hour when it is Bible teaching and study time.

There are 168 hours in a week and there is only one-half of one of these hours when the teacher has the privilege, and the class the opportunity of Bible study and teaching.

Let's not let anything change that, unless it is to give more time for this study.

Other meetings, and they are important, can be held at other times. But this teaching period cannot. Let's keep it clear for the main work.

SIXTY-ONE NEW MEMBERS ON ONE SUNDAY

Sixty-one new members on one Sunday were reported recently by one church. This church has less than 200 enrolled in Sunday school, but there were many in the community not enrolled in any Sunday school. How was this gain accomplished? The answer is — by vote of the church to enroll 41 in one week — goals set by all departments and classes — prospects found and assigned — workers instructed and encouraged — and visitation planned and promoted. Results—61 new members on one Sunday.

Another church reports 74 new members on one Sunday, and a third church reports 77 new members for the first two Sundays in October.

In the quest for "A Million More in '54" November is designated as "Half-Million Month." If the 28,000 churches will add 500,000 people to the Sunday school rolls during the five Sundays in November, it will greatly increase the soul-winning opportunities in the

churches.

This is an opportunity for Sunday School superintendents to do something really important. Will you confer with your pastor, present it to your church and get church action, work out practical plans, and lead your people afield? It is a very simple matter and the plans are within reach of every church. Adopt plans somewhat similar to those used by the church referred to above. Get a good group ready and lead your workers out to where the people are and bring them in for Bible study and all the results of Bible study.

AWARDS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1953

No. awards for September... 1,531
No awards to date... 21,921
No. churches to date... 543
No. associations to date... 74
HIGH FIVE ASSOCIATIONS
Gulf Coast... 260
Leflore... 228
Hinds... 136
Tishomingo... 126
Cotah... 92

HIGH FIVE CHURCHES

Gulfport First... 171
Greenwood First... 137
Greenwood Calvary... 75
Laurel Second... 65
Prentiss... 55

MORE STANDARDS

These units have become standard recently:

Decatur, Rev. John W. Cook, pastor, E. M. Smith, superintendent; Georgetown, Rev. R. W. Porter, pastor, George D. Purvis, supt.

TEL, Adult, Sandersville, Mrs. M. R. Ward, teacher; Builders, Adult, Hattiesburg First, Wm. Haralson, teacher; Euzeian, Adult II, Laurel Second Ave., Mrs. L. D. Burkett, teacher.

Beginner, Hazlehurst, Mrs. W. A. Shaw, supt., Salem, Walthall County, Mrs. Z. C. Rushing, supt. Junior department, Hazlehurst, Mrs. Vivian Beasley, supt., and these classes: Busy Bees, Mrs. J. S. Robinson, teacher; Race Runners, B. C. Farrar; Loyal Soldiers, J. L. Leggett; Cheerful Helpers, Mrs. Otto Beall; Shining Lights, Mrs. H. H. Russell; Shining Stars, Mrs. B. M. Edwards.

We are indeed grateful to the leaders of these units for the good work in reaching the standard rating. Who will be next?

LAST YEAR THE BEST

Last year was the best year we have ever had in the total number of standard units, with 490. That was sixth among all the states in the Southern Baptist Convention. We are grateful to all who helped us reach this high rank last year in standards.

Now, this is a new year, and time for applications to be rolling in for standard rating for another year. Don't delay longer than necessary in making application. Blanks will be gladly sent on request.

Remember: Standard Units are Better.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Louisville

Magnificent is a mild word to use in describing the beautiful new auditorium of the First Church, Louisville, which is now nearing completion.

Not only is the structure well planned, but the church has shown excellent judgment in purchasing almost a complete block to provide for various other activities, future expansion and parking.

Winston County now has Baptist Record readers listed as follows: Antioch, 2; BETHEL, 37; CALVARY 40; Crystal Ridge, 16; DRY CREEK, 43; Enon, 15; EVERGREEN, 67; GOOD HOPE 47; Holly Grove, 1; HARMON, 34; LIBERTY, 36; LOUISVILLE, EAST, 46; LOUISVILLE, FIRST, 388; LOUISVILLE, SOUTH, 22; LOUISVON, WEST END, 23; MACE-DONA, 28; MURPHEY CREEK, 94; MT. CARME, 103; Hinze, 4; Oak Grove, 1; POPLAR FLAT, 35; Shiloh, 12; UNION RIDGE, 29; Yellow Creek, 7.

Building Program No Hinderance

The over-worked excuse that "our church is in a building program and therefore we are not able to have the Baptist Record as a part of our program" does not apply to Second Church, Leland.

Rev. Wallace Fuller, the pastor, not only believes in building churches but he also believes in building Baptists. And one way to do that is to have them reading the Baptist Record. Recently the church sent a list of 44 names to whom the Baptist Record is to be sent weekly. This despite the fact that the church is in a building program. But the pastor feels that if ever they need the Record it is during the building program. He feels that he will get the church built sooner with the Record than without it.

Record readers in Washington County are now listed as follows: ALEXANDER MEMORIAL, 47; ARCOLA, 54; DARLOVE, 41; LELAND SECOND, 44; GLEN ALLEN, 43; GREENVILLE, FIRST, 415; GREENVILLE, CALVARY 72; GREENVILLE, EAST, 145; HOLLANDALE, 150; LELAND, 234; Swiftwater, 15.

Madison County Association

The Madison County Association in its thirty-third annual meeting voted a full-time associational missions program in co-operation with the Yazoo County Baptist Association. The program will begin January 1, 1954.

The association adopted a constitution and elected the following officers:

Moderator, Hermon Dean; Vice Moderator, R. H. Posey; Clerk, Rev. Harold Jordan; treasurer, F. D. Simpson, Sr.; State Board Member, Dr. William P. Davis.

Rev. David Cranford was named to preach the annual sermon in 1954, and Rev. Billy Roby was named alternate.

The 1954 meeting will be held

LEWIS LICENSED



REV. GEORGE WAYNE LEWIS

George Wayne Lewis was licensed to the ministry by the First Church, Charleston. He is now a junior at Mississippi College.

AN INQUIRY

A report has come to me that one Baptist preacher in Mississippi has the honor of serving one Baptist church continuously for thirty-three years, and continuing into his thirty-fourth. Is there another who has served as pastor of a Baptist Church for a longer period? If so, please let me know at once.

J. L. Boyd, Clinton, Miss.

31 At Charleston Make Attendance Records

Thirty-one members of the First Church of Charleston have perfect Sunday School attendance records for from one to four years according to an announcement by Dr. Landrum Leavell, the pastor.

Mrs. H. O. Tatum and Steve Whitaker have a perfect record for four years. The three year record is held by the following: Mr. H. R. Breedlove, Mr. R. J. Murphree, Mr. Jeff Wolfe, Mrs. B. E. Carithers, Larry Selby, Alix Marie Mitchell, Russell Gray, Rebecca Breedlove, Eddie Sheffield, Bonnie Breedlove and Robert Gray.

Two year records are held by: Mr. Leonard Adams, Mr. John McCartney, Gail Powers, Earline Douglas, Budgie Meek.

And the following have one year records: Mrs. W. S. Tatum, Jerry Neely, Betty Ramsey, Eleanor Smith, Shirlene Newsom, Tommy Martin Jimmy Holloway, Betty Joe Cox Mrs. Herford Wolfe, Jerry Selby, Clara Dean Cox, Mary Elizabeth Wolfe and Michelle Mahalic.

with the Ridgeland Baptist Church, Ridgeland, Mississippi, on Monday night and Tuesday after the third Sunday in October.

The Baptist Record was given 25 minutes on the program and we used all of it except one minute.

Baptist Record readers in Madison county are now listed as follows: CAMDEN 23, CANTON, FIRST 321, CANTON, CENTER TERRACE 121, FARMHAVEN 47, FLORA 82, Franklin 1, Good Hope 10, Lula 24, MADISON 61, Lone Pine 28, Ridgeland 6.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.
50 YEARS AGO—

The Lumberton Church on a recent Sunday raised \$1,000.00 to build Pastor John P. Culpepper a home to live in.

40 YEARS AGO—

Pastor E. T. Mobberly reports 28 additions to the Purvis Church, 13 for baptism, from a meeting of ten days in which Rev. D. A. Youngblood of Hattiesburg did the preaching.

There were fifteen added to the Sweetwater Church, near Leakesville, from a six days' meeting. Pastor O. U. Sullivan was assisted by Rev. W. A. McComb of Gulfport.

The Galilee (First) Baptist Church, Gloster, closed their 12 day meeting with 27 accessions. Pastor E. K. Cox was assisted by Dr. M. T. Andrews of Texarkana, Texas.

25 YEARS AGO—

Twenty-nine were added to the church at Liberty in the meeting in which Pastor Homer H. Webb was assisted by Rev. T. W. Talkington of Crystal Springs. Of these, 21 were for baptism.

Pastor J. E. Wills reports fifty additions, 32 for baptism, to the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, during their revival meeting in which Dr. W. W. Hamilton of New Orleans did the preaching.

Baptist ministerial student with family and an active "mission" pastor now enrolled in junior year of college in dire need of financial assistance if he is to continue his education. Does not ask charity, rather desires a \$300.00 loan to be repaid in two years at normal interest rates. References furnished and partial collateral offered. "God has called me. Will you help me, prepare." Write Student, care of Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

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Sparks & Splinters

Plymouth Church in Lowndes county has called Rev. Herbert Shepherd as pastor.

The Orphanage is always pleased to have former residents of the Home to return for a visit. This week, we had a visit from Lawrence Ferguson who was a resident of the Orphanage for some six years. Lawrence left the Home in 1936 and is now living in Senatobia where he is employed as mechanic for The County School in keeping the school buses in good order to transport children to and from school. Lawrence was in Jackson on business and we were delighted to have him take time out to visit his former home. He appreciated the things done for him and his two sisters during the time they were residents of the Home and was delighted with the progress that has been made through the years. W. G. Mize, supt.

All who can should read the interesting article in the October, November, December issue of the Brotherhood Journal by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Mississippi Baptist executive secretary. The title of the article is "State Missions — Key to World Missions."

Rev. Earl Ferrell has given up the pastorate of the Nailand Chapel Church in Bolivar county, due to his physical disability. He and Mrs. Ferrell plan to move to Clarksdale in the near future. He will be available for supply work.

Attention, Association Clerks — The first 1953 minute to be received is that of Benton County Association, Mrs. Emma Simpson, clerk, on the 48th. day after the association adjourned. Who will be next? Please be informed that a bundle of minutes of at least twelve to fifteen copies must be sent to the Custodian to win an Award. J. L. Boyd, Custodian, Box 392, Clinton, Miss.

State Papers, Oct. 29, 1953, 1 col. x 3"

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The Leavell Woods Church will have a ground breaking ceremony for the new educational building Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2 p. m.

There will be the old fashioned "Dinner on the Ground," followed with a song service, with special music presented by the Van Winkle Choir. Rev. A. B. Pierce of Crestwood Church will bring the afternoon message. Everyone is cordially invited. Rev. G. C. Cox, is the pastor.

Blue Mountain — The freshman class of Blue Mountain College has elected officers to serve for the 1953-54 session. They are: Anita Sheffield, Mount Vernon, Ill., president; Nel Gardner, Turrell, Ark., vice - president; Betty Vandiver, Cullman, Ala., secretary; Catherine Freeman, Rockport, Texas, treasurer.

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mr. W. P. West, and Bettye West, Vicksburg; Dr. W. P. Davis, Flora; Leslie M. Greer, Star; Mrs. Annie Hilderbrand, Star; Betty Joyce Upton, Maud Hi, Clinton; Rev. F. G. McNair, New Orleans; Rev. Arlis Bryant, Clinton; Mrs. Earl Floyd and Bobby, Clinton; Mrs. Robert R. Smith, Poplarville; Rev. C. J. Rushing, Laurel; Rev. Archie Chapman, Jackson.

Last year at Thanksgiving a rare box was unpacked at the Orphanage. It contained a poem and some artistic works of an unknown friend. With his own hands and knife, some cedar sticks and time, he carved hundreds of axes and swords. He called them "Baptist Axes and Swords of the Spirit" and inscribed the scripture, Matthew 3:10 and Ephesians 6:17 on each. These brought joy to the children as well as objects for good devotionals and programs. We thank you, whoever and wherever you are! W. G. Mize, supt.

On Sunday, October 25, Main Street Church, Hattiesburg. Dr. John E. Barnes, pastor, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the organization of the church and also observed Homecoming day. In preparation for the day, the church published an attractive booklet setting forth the history of the church and a few of the facts concerning the marvelous growth of one of Mississippi's best churches.

Hal D. Bennett is publicity director at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.

The Baptist Record appreciates a list of five subscriptions from Old Hebron Church, which were sent by the pastor, Rev. Hiram Barefoot.

Participation is the key to enlistment.—Brotherhood Journal.

LICENSED TO PREACH



REV. RALPH E. BRADY

Ralph E. Brady was licensed to preach by the State Boulevard Church, Meridian, Sunday night, October 25, immediately after delivering his first sermon, which resulted in one profession of faith. Rev. W. H. Henderson is the pastor.

Bolivar County Baptists are planning to build a new home for the associational missionary. The new home will be built in Merigold and the present home will be sold.

The November issue of the Commission contains an inspiring article entitled "I Saw Your Offering At Work" by Miss Edwina Robinson, executive secretary of Mississippi W. M. U. It tells about things she saw during her recent trip to the mission field in South America.

HOUSTON, Tex. —(RNS)—The City Council of Houston has received praise from the local Ministerial Alliance for its new custom of opening sessions with prayer. The Alliance president, Dr. W. Kenneth Pope, pastor of First Methodist Church, appeared before the council to give the first invocation. He took time after his prayer to express thanks to the council for opening its public sessions with prayer "in the good old American tradition."

When making your plans to attend the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the superintendent, faculty and children would be happy to have you make them a visit. At one time the Orphanage was located in the country, now it is almost in the "Heart of the City". The Orphanage has not gone to the city, but the city has gone to the Orphanage. You will see some improvements within the past year and many improvements if you have not visited the Orphanage in recent years. You will see a new building for Teen-Age Boys which has been completed and occupied since last Convention. You will see that the foundation of the old school has been removed, sidewalks constructed and grounds improved. You will also see a group of happy, healthy boys and girls. You may know some of them who have been residents of "The Children's Village" for some time and even some of the seventy-three new ones who have come to make their home in the Orphanage this Convention Year.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

By AUNT POLLY

Now Is The Time

How often in the Bible when we read of men who were great and righteous leaders, we learn that they were called by God when they were small boys or very young men. Young people need to note that they are now at the age in which God calls his leaders. One example from the Bible is Samuel.

Samuel was a very small boy, living in the Temple with Eli, when he heard someone call him. He answered, "Here am I," thinking it was Eli. But it was not. A second time he heard the voice, but again it was not Eli. And a third time. This time Eli told him that it must be the Lord calling him. When he heard the voice call again, he did as Eli instructed, saying, "Speak, Lord, they servant heareth."

And because Samuel was dedicated to the Lord, and because he listened for the Lord's call and obeyed him, the Bible says "And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground."

How important it is for young people to have their ears tuned to the voice of God. If we do not dedicate our lives to God in our youth, too much of our energy is wasted and the opportunity for training to serve God is missed, for oftentimes we cannot go back to school.

Young people, Samuel lived close to the Lord and was therefore able to hear God's call even before he recognized the voice. How important it is for you to live close to God so that you will be able to hear him. Now is the time he is most apt to call!

Dear Aunt Polly: There are about 35 boys and girls here in the Preventorium and we spend most of our time resting and eating so that our bodies will again be strong and healthy.

We look forward each Sunday morning to Sunday School when the matron on duty that Sunday teaches our lesson. Our class meets in the Circle Room, which is a round room used each morning for devotionals before breakfast.

My home is in Jackson. Robby Lowery Sanatorium

Dear Robby: I am glad to know that children at the Preventorium have Sunday School every Sunday, even though they are away from home. And devotionals before breakfast are a special joy to you.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all boys and girls everywhere could have devotionals each day before breakfast? ... Aunt Polly

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am 8 years of age. I live near Riverside Church. I attend all the services I can. I have attended church five years.

Bro. Culpepper is our pastor. We love him and enjoy his sermons.

We have a family altar

My mother and I also have prayer each morning before I leave for school in order to start the day off right

Harold C. Rushing Monticello

Dear Harold:

How lucky you are to have a wise mother who has prayer with you as you start to school! It helps you to do your best all day long.

Aunt Polly

Dear Aunt Polly:

We are two intermediate girls 13 years of age. We try to attend church regularly and read our Bible every day.

Our pastor is Brother Jackson, a very fine preacher. He is also our Sunday School teacher and Training Union leader.

Mary F. Till and Irene Savell Silver City.

Dear Friends:

I am glad to know that you each have a Christian friend who is close to you. As I grew up I had a friendship such as yours. My friend and I read our Bible together and we prayed together. We called ourselves "Prayer Partners."

Aunt Polly

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a member of Calvary Mission of Ruleville. The pastor is Rev. Don Grimm. I live about a fourth of a mile from the church and attend all of the services and enjoy the activities.

Helen Bell Knight

Dear Helen Bell:

When I see the word "mission" it is always a special challenge to me, for it indicates a young church. There is such great opportunity to serve in a small church or a young church that I almost envy you.

I hope that you take every opportunity of service that comes to you that that you make yourself the best member possible.

Aunt Polly

(Letters to appear in this column may be addressed to Aunt Polly, c-o The Baptist Record, P. O. box 530, Jackson Mississippi.) —BR—

Dorroh's Lake Convention Set For November 10

The next Convention for the Dorroh's Lake Baptist Assembly will be held at the assembly in Webster County Nov. 10 at 10 a. m., it has been announced by Rev. John B. Laney, of Winona, chairman of the promotional committee.

Every Baptist Church in North Mississippi is urged to have at least one official representative present for the transaction of important business.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR THE HOME

Bible Texts: Genesis 1:27,28; Deuteronomy 6:4,9; Proverbs 22:6; Matthew 19:3-9; Luke 10:38-42; Ephesians 5:21-6:4; II Timothy 1:5-7; 3:14-17.

I. WHENCE THE FIRST MAN? AND WHY?

1. Definitely from the hand of the Lord God Almighty, by a special act of creation which sets man aside from all other creatures in Heaven or on earth. The creation of man took place as a result of God's deliberate purpose, as shown by the words, "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth." So of noble origin came man, and after a noble pattern. Created in the image and likeness of his Maker, man takes rank at the head of all God's other creatures.

"In the image of God created he him." What does this mean?

Man was created in the rational image of God, endowed with ability to think as God thinks though, of course, without God's infinite wisdom.

Man bears God's moral image; he bore it perfectly before the fall; he bears it imperfectly and partially since. This moral quality in man enables him to understand that there is in the world both good and evil. This moral nature of man sets him aside as a responsible being, free to choose the right or the wrong, at once a glorious and an awful endowment; for it gives man the glorious privilege of choosing God as chief Portion and Inheritance, while its awesome features is the ability of man to reject God to say "No," to the God who made him.

God created them male and female. He created them with this distinction, and intended that they should throughout eternity remain distinct, each sex in important regards supplementing the incompleteness of the pair and filling up to full measure the designed capacities of man. (I am trying to say that man of the male sex alone, or man of the female sex alone is not a complete creation, that it takes the pair to obey God's command, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion . . . over every living thing that moves upon the earth." I think God by design left much for man under God to do in order to make this world fulfill the perfect desire of the heart of the Creator.)

In our own image and likeness", and this was said before man was formed, and long before God became, "Son of Man," in the person of Jesus. But do you not think he knew what bodily form he would assume when he should take to himself a body? It was after this purposed form and likeness that a man was created.

2. Why was man created at all? I think it was just because God desired an object upon which to lavish the love of his infinite

heart. "God is love", even so, but a love must have an object, a beloved, and no love in the real meaning of that word can find an object in any non-living or irrational thing. Reverently may I say that the Great God wanted someone to respond to his love, to hear and heed and assist him in realizing his purpose for the world, and so he created man. Oh! Let me say reverently, but most earnestly, the Great God was lonely for some of his kind. He created man to share his work and fellowship of love.

II. GOD'S PLAN FOR SECURING HIS IDEAL MAN

I use the word man in no restrictive sense of any particular individual, but as it is used in such expressions as, "Man wants but little herebelow." Man, the race of mankind, was designed by his Creator to share God's joy and give glad response to God's love. Of course this lofty plan of the Creator for man would require a long and careful course of training and development under the care and supervision of the All-Father. What plan then, if any, did God form and commit to man for the education of mankind?

(a). First there was the family. This is the basic institution of civilized man. It was instituted by God himself and consisted of one husband, of one wife and their children. The husband and wife were to be bound together by mutual love for each other and a love supreme for God. Every such pair were to beget children into the world and as parents under God were to enjoy the lofty privilege and discharge the sobering and awful responsibility of rearing their offspring in the holy fear and admonition of the Lord. So were the members of the race, beginning with one pair at the first, to fill the earth with the lovers of the Lord, bounded to Him by the strongest ties of loyalty and love.

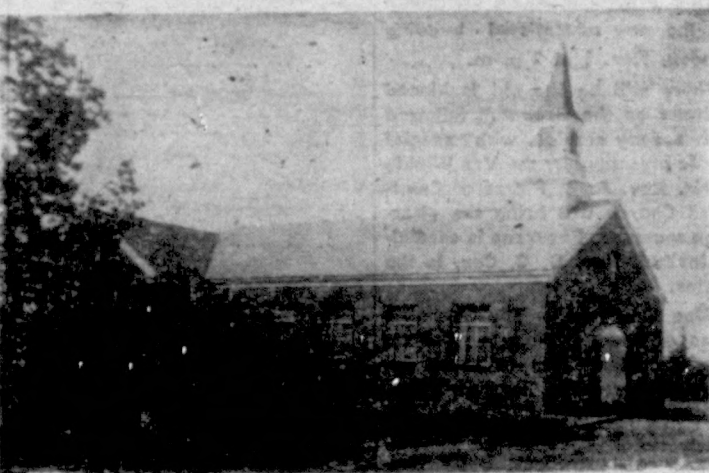
(b) Next in God's scheme there came the institution of the state. God's ideal living conditions for his people includes civil government under which common conveniences and general welfare are to be administered for the benefit of the entire body social.

(c) And then came our Lord Jesus Christ in his heroic and victorious effort to restore a neglected and lost inheritance, and instituted the Living Church of the Living Christ. This is the institution consisting of men and women who have been brought from death to life by faith in the shed blood of their blessed Redeemer.

But mainly this lesson concerns itself with instructions concerning the conduct of the godly man, such conduct could be the cause of the advancement of man in godliness. To this end he is instructed to feed his mind on the Word of God, to nourish his heart on the love of God, to strengthen his soul in the faith of God.

This grave responsibility is to rest mainly upon the shoulder of the husband and father in the home. From Genesis to Revelation the Bible tresses this inevitable responsibility of a father. The searching question of God on the occasion of the disobedience in the garden was not addressed to the woman. It was, "Adam where art thou?" Obedience to God in the home was and is primarily the responsibility

Hillsboro Church To Observe Homecoming



Hillsboro Church, Scott Association, Rev. Paul McDonald, Pastor, will celebrate in their new building with a Homecoming Day service Sunday, November 1. Dinner will be served and all former pastors and friends are invited.

The Church has made considerable progress in the past two years, building a church building with 11 educational rooms. The church has been full time since October 1.

They hope to have their new pews ready for Sunday's service.

bility of the male head of the family. The confidence of God in Abraham was because Abraham would train his children right. The complaint and penalty against Eli was "His sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not." The same principle runs through God's Book until Paul tells the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:4). "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord."

III. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME.

Is there any other sort of an institution that can truthfully be called a home, or is it true that to be a real home, the institution must be Christian? Would one be justified in saying that a domicile which does not house a Christian home is almost always a miniature hell on earth?

The Christian home will be characterized by an over-growing knowledge of God and regard for Him and his Word. The members of a Christian home will have a regular period and place to let God speak to them out of his Word and through his Spirit; and they will speak to Him as faithful children making their requests, their wants, and wishes known to Him.

The inmates of a Christian home will subscribe to the thought expressed in the line, "Thou Who Almighty art, Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart." They will gladly submit to the sovereignty of God and will give themselves to the effort to fulfill in their living and sovereign will of the Almighty. Give the world homes of this character and there will grow a generation of men and women who will bring to pass the long-for day by gifted minds foretold when brothers shall be knit in friendly bands from the mountains crest to the gray seashands when wars shall cease to the ends of the earth and justice and righteousness shall arbitrate in the hearts of men.

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It is not those things in the Bible that I don't understand that bother me; it's those things that I do understand that cause me deep concern.—Brotherhood Journal.

BYRAM TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY DAY

Sunday, November 1 will be observed as anniversary day in the Byram church, located between Jackson and Terry. This will also mark the opening of the new \$35,000 church annex. Morning service will be held at 11 a. m. with a native Arab from Nazareth, Israel bringing the message.

Rev. Fred Tarpley, supt of the Hinds Co. Missions, will bring the ordination message which will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Henry Bennett has served as pastor of the Byram Baptist Church for the past nine years.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

November 2 — Miss Jane Ray Bean, Student Secretary, Blue Mountain College; R. A. Focus Week.

November 3—M. G. Reedy, Ruleville, Baptist Orphanage trustee; Mrs. O. C. Morris, Union Associational W. M. U. superintendent.

November 4—E. L. Clark, Newton, Board of Ministerial Education; Robert D. Pass, Yazoo Associational Sunday School Supt.

November 5—Mrs. Jeff Kent, Forest, Clarke College trustee; Rev. John R. Maddox Pearl River Associational chairman of evangelism.

November 6—T. R. McKibbens, Laurel, Woman's College trustee; Rev. Ray E. Wallace, Warren Associational Brotherhood president.

November 7—Vernon May, Tylertown, Baptist Hospital trustee; Mrs. Matt Duck, Mississippi Associational Training Union director.

November 8—E. O. Murrell, McComb, Baptist Foundation trustee.

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Executive Secretary
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DR. CAUTHEN ELECTED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dr. Baber James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient, was named executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its semi-annual full meeting in Richmond, Va., October 13-14. He fills the vacancy left by the death of Dr. M. Theron Rankin in June.

The Board requested Dr. George W. Sadler, who has served as interim executive secretary, to remain in this position until January 1, 1954, when Dr. Cauthen will take office.

Other Officers

L. Howard Jenkins, of Richmond, was re-elected president of the Foreign Mission Board and thus begins his 22nd year of service in this capacity. Other officers elected are: Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., first vice president; T. Shad Medlin, Richmond, second vice president; Dr. W. Rush Loving, Richmond, recording secretary; Mary Elizabeth Fuqua, Richmond, assistant recording secretary; Oscar L. Hite, M. D., Richmond, medical adviser; and John C. Williams, Richmond, attorney.

The Board re-elected the following paid officers of its staff: Dr. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East; Dr. Everett Gilt, Jr., secretary for Latin America; Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for missionary education and promotion; Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel; Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, president, European Theological Seminary, Rorschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland; Everett L. Deane, treasurer.

Rev. Fon H. Scofield, Jr., associate secretary for audio-visual education; Ralph Anderson Magre, assistant treasurer; Miss Fuqua, assistant to the executive secretary; Edna Frances Dawkins, assistant secretary, missionary personnel; Ione Gray, associate editor, The Commission, and press representative of the Board; and Genevieve Greer, book editor.

Elbert L. Wright, Richmond, was named business manager to succeed Louis P. Seay, who is to retire January 1, 1954. The Board postponed action on the election of a new secretary for the Orient.

Tribute to Dr. Rankin

The Foreign Mission Board, led by Dr. John H. Buchanan of Birmingham, Ala., and Dr. J. Hundley Wiley of Richmond, paid tribute to Dr. Rankin, who was a missionary to China for 14 years, the Board's secretary for the Orient for ten years, and then was executive secretary from 1945 until his death. "I think the best adjective for describing Dr. Rankin is the word 'big,'" Dr. Buchanan said. "He was big in his perspective—he could see beyond the desirables to the essentials; in his personal relations—he could keep faith with Southern Baptists and with all the friends of Christ; in his devotion—he gave his first devotion to the Christ he loved."

Dr. Wiley told the Board that the president of the Foreign Mission

Board said about the group of missionaries appointed in 1921, of which Dr. Rankin was a member, "This is the best group of young missionaries we have ever had."

Dr. Wiley said that during his first voyage to China Dr. Rankin spent hours talking to veteran missionaries; and, when one commented on the coastline of China, Dr. Rankin said, "Tell me more about the people." Dr. Wiley pointed out, "Even in those days, he was on his way to becoming a Baptist with a well-stocked mind."

Speaking of Dr. Rankin's gift for making and keeping friends, Dr. Wiley said: "They come from many countries and from all walks of life; white, black, and yellow men; the butcher, the baker, the world policy maker. His favorite pronoun? It was that little word, 'we' . . . He preached one message, 'Working for people is no substitute for working with people' . . . The Baptists of Asia spoke of him as the secretary from the Orient."

Southern Baptists' Mandate

"Southern Baptists have a mandate," Dr. George W. Sadler told the members of the Foreign Mission Board. "Regardless of his trappings, or the lack of them, or the environment in which he moves the pagan is without God and without hope. If he lives in the regions beyond, he is the responsibility of this Foreign Mission Board. . . . We have a mandate. . . primarily because when we accepted Christ we accepted the responsibility of sharing him."

Dr. Sadler said that in Nigeria about five persons in every thousand are evangelical Christians. He reminded the Board that Southern Baptists have work in only three areas of Africa and that, as far as he knows, a group of 2,000,000 in French Equatorial Africa is still without any kind of Christian witness.

"There is foreign mission passion on the home base," Dr. Sadler told the Board. "A pediatrician and his gifted wife come to talk to us about appointment as medical missionaries; a young lawyer closes his practice in a large city and goes to one of our seminaries to prepare for foreign service; an aged widow plans to give her husband's \$500 war bond to send the gospel to the regions beyond. But there are not enough of us who are willing to match this kind of devotion."

1954 Budget

The Foreign Mission Board adopted a budget of \$6,461,465.84 for 1954, the largest in its history and an increase of approximately \$800,970 over its 1953 budget.

October Appointees

Six young people appointed for overseas mission service by the Foreign Mission Board are: James Keith Ragland and Leola Kelley Ragland, Oklahoma, to Lebanon; Stanley E. Ray and Ernestine Wilson Ray, Texas, to Nigeria; and Alton Clark Scanlon, Texas, and Sarah Martin Scanlon, Georgia, to Guatemala.

William H. Ross New Pastor At Stonewall



REV. WILLIAM H. ROSS

On the 15th of October, Rev. William H. Ross assumed his duties as pastor of the Stonewall Church.

He moved to Stonewall from Cottonwood, Ala. where he served a year as pastor of the First Church. Prior to his work in Alabama, he was pastor of the Palestine Church at Rio, La. During this period of four and a half years. He received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the New Orleans Seminary and did residence work for the Master of Theology degree.

On Saturday evening, October 17, a reception was given in the recreation hall of the Church for the new pastor. A large number of church members and friends attended, bringing many lovely gifts.

Mr. Ross is a native of Laurel, and is a graduate of Mississippi Southern College at Hattiesburg. His wife is the former Tommie Jean Irvin, also of Laurel.

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Leake Association Has Outstanding Year

Outstanding reports, indicating the best year in their history, featured the annual meeting of the Leake County Association, held with Corinth Church, Oct. 14-15.

Rev. R. E. Courtney was elected moderator and R. B. McDonald, clerk.

The Rev. Mr. Courtney was also nominated to continue as Convention Board Member.

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GREENE COUNTY ELECTS OFFICERS

The Greene County Association held its annual meeting at the Pleasant Hill Church. Officers elected are: D. W. Daughdrill, moderator; Rev. James Dunnam, vice moderator; Joe Walley, clerk and treasurer.

Rev. J. T. Moore was nominated to be Board member.

The 1954 session will be held with the Pleasant Hill Church.

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Homecoming day at the Nola Church has been planned for November 1. The plans include guest speakers, special music and dinner on the grounds. . . .

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

INSANE HUSBAND

Question: A woman in my congregation has a husband who is a mental case. He has had electric shock treatments, been in and out of mental hospitals for years, and has had the brain operation called lobotomy. The psychiatrists diagnose him as catatonic schizophrenic.

This good lady can hardly live with him. He is moody, stubborn, unreasonable, and more than once has walked off from their business with the checking account.

She wants me to tell her whether or not it will be wrong for her to get a divorce. And should she have her husband committed to a hospital? She wants to do what is right as a Christian.

Answer: A minister is often faced with problems like this one. Only the courageous and humble will feel safe in tackling them.

Does this lady need you to give her the answers? And if you do, will she not be equally in need of your "decisions" when later questions arise?

You can help her, however, to know that God is not a tyrant who crucifies human beings on a cross called Law. Divorce laws were made for man, not man for the divorce laws. She must, like all of the rest of us, pray and read God's Word, and then act according to her best light. Christ is the only one who has the answers.

Encourage this woman to take the psychiatrist's advice about hospital commitment. And furnish her an atmosphere where she can "talk out" her deep resentments toward her husband. This, it seems to me, is your best contribution. However, if she is so immature as to insist on your advice, do the best you can and give as little advice as possible. Listen and love. That is the best counseling under some circumstances.

Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

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KEMPER ASSO. OPPOSES ARMY LIQUOR STORES

At the recent meeting of the Kemper County Association, the body went on record as being unanimously opposed to the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages to the members of our armed forces.

The association elected the following officers: Ernest G. Palmer, moderator; T. E. Darnell, vice-moderator; Sam Beddingfield, treasurer; Mrs. Cora Byrd, clerk.

Trinity Church Notes Second Anniversary

Trinity Church of Vicksburg will celebrate its second anniversary on Nov. 1. In the two years of its organization the church has had 110 members by baptism and 202 members by letter.

The church building is valued at \$35,000 and pastored at \$13,500 both of which were built during the two years.

The activities of the church are carried out to the fullest extent, and because of this fact the Sunday School, Brotherhood, and W. M. S. are standard. There is a churchwide visitation each Sunday afternoon. It is in this program that the Young People take a big part.

Many of our members have been called for fulltime Christian Service, Special Service, Mission Service, or to preach the Gospel of Christ.

One mission has started from Trinity since it began and another is in progress.

Rev. Paul E. Lee has been pastor of the church since its organization.

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SAN ANTONIO, Tex. —(RNS)—

A record budget of \$14,000,000 for 1954 was approved by the Baptist General Convention of Texas at its annual meeting here.

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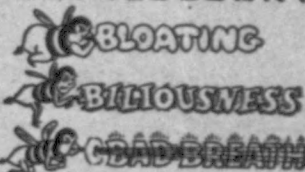
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Missionary Curtis Askew and his wife (above), both native Mississippians, returned home on furlough recently from Hiroshima, Japan, where they have lived for the past four years. They have two children, Gerald, 5, shown above, and Melinda Kae, 2.

Curtis Askew Witnesses Rebuilding Of Hiroshima

BY MARSE GRANT
Editor

CHARITY AND CHILDREN

SARDIS, Miss. — It was just eight years ago August 6, 1945—that Hiroshima, a Japanese city of 250,000, literally exploded into headlines of newspapers around the world. Fate — and the U. S. military — had chosen it for the dubious honor of ushering a new era — the Atomic Age.

Two-thirds of the city's 90,000 buildings were destroyed and 6,000 more rendered unuseable. Four square miles in the center of the city were leveled. Approximately 66,000 lost their lives and 69,000 were injured. The panic-stricken flight of those who escaped death or injury almost emptied the city. Today, nearly two-thirds of the city's population have settled there since the bomb was dropped.

What's the condition of Hiroshima eight years after the bomb was dropped? As the news reporters always say, let's have a first-hand report from one who has lived there for the past four years. He is Missionary Curtis Askew, a native of Sardis who was among 14 Southern Baptist missionaries to come home on furlough recently from Japan.

"A visitor to Hiroshima expecting to see a typical, bombed out city would be disappointed. The people have made an amazing comeback. Since Japanese buildings are usually of light, flimsy construction anyhow, the rebuilding process has not taken as much time as it did in other war-devastated centers," the earnest-talking young missionary said.

Although not many signs of the bomb's effect remain, there are two grim momentos right in the heart of Hiroshima. One is a fenced-in area known as the Bomb Center. Even though the bomb exploded half a mile up in the air, the section directly under it was damaged heavily and has been preserved as a poignant reminder that nations must live together peaceably — or face the prospect of

more Hiroshimas.

The Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission — which has picked up the alphabetical name of ABCC — is the other reminder. Established to find out just what the bomb did to its Japanese victims, this may develop into the greatest program of medical research ever set up for the study of a selected group. The half million human beings in Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and Kure are the subjects for study, with the last-named city being used for the sake of comparison with the bombed cities.

The ABCC is staffed by 550 able young scientists recruited from America, Australia, China, and Japan. They are especially interested in studying the genetic effects of atomic radiation on the A-bomb's children — and their children. For instance, several cataracts caused by radiation have already been discovered, Askew said.

Do the people of Hiroshima hold any extreme bitterness in their hearts against the United States?

Askew doesn't think so. "The Japanese people don't say much," he commented. "They suffer in silence and when it becomes unbearable, they commit suicide. If such an attitude toward Americans were very marked, we would feel it in our mission work. The Japanese are receptive to Christianity and our churches at Hiroshima; the one at Kure, 20 miles away; and the seven missions in the area are all getting along well."

The experience of the Baptist congregation in Hiroshima gives an insight into the dauntless spirit of the people. Their church was demolished by the bomb. Pastor Kimura, working in a large industrial plant at the edge of the city, escaped injury, and immediately began leading his flock in the long rebuilding process. For two years, the people worshipped in their pastor's home which was little more than a shack. Today they have a new church with 150 members.

Educated at Wood Junior College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Semi-

Prude?

BY ELLIS MARTIN

"Barbara Porter is a prude! Marie told me so. Why, she won't even read some of the books and magazines that all the other kids read. And besides—" Eugene lowered his voice suddenly.

But it was too late, Barbara couldn't help but hear even though Eugene's back was turned to her. He was standing in the hall gabbing with several of the fellows from church as she walked by. Slowly she turned the word "prude" over in her mind, and the injustice of it stung a deeper pink into her cheeks. Not that she cared what Eugene thought about her, but Buddy Rowden was in the crowd and she did care about him.

Barbara shoved her books into her locker and shut the door hard. So this was Marie's way of getting even. She had known by the look of contempt that Marie gave her when she refused the last book that there would come a reckoning day. And she had determined at the time not to let it get her down. But this was so unfair! The books were definitely the wrong kind. Of course, a number of the kids had read them, but that didn't make it right.

"You really need a glimpse of what's going on in the world," Marie had argued. "And it isn't as though you were participating in these things."

She hadn't been able to make Marie see that she simply did not want to fill her heart and mind with that kind of thing. Barbara bit her lips to keep back the tears as she hurried home from school. She didn't want any of her friends to think she had a "holier than thou" attitude. Yet she felt she must be true to her convictions. The Lord had dealt with her especially about keeping pure in heart, and she had learned to obey the leading of the Lord.

"Hey there, you like like an ominous thundercloud," the voice of her older brother Jay brought her down to earth as she stepped inside the front door. Then in a more sympathetic tone he asked, "What has happened to bring on all this gloom?"

The sympathy was too much for Barbara. Her eyes spilled over and she found herself telling him the whole story.

"Hmm, I know how you feel," he said. "It's tough to have the whole gang down on you. Specially if they feel as though you think you are better than they."

"What can I do, Jay?" Barbara asked between sniffles.

"Let's see," Jay stroked his chin. "You could let down the bars

nary, the 32 year old missionary served churches at Gunnison, Merigold, Logtown, and Doddsville, before his appointment in 1947. In 1943, he married Mary Lee Trenor, a native of Houston, and they have two children, Gerald Trenor, 5, and Melinda Kae 2.

For the next year, Missionary Askew and his attractive wife, are technically on furlough, but that doesn't mean a year of inactivity. A missionary from the city of Hiroshima has a message the American people are anxious to hear and his appointment book is filling up fast.

New Church Under Construction



Shown above is the Pass Road Church at Gulfport, which is now under construction. Rev. Thomas F. Henry is the pastor. This church was organized in 1951.

The first building was one purchased from the Air Base at Gulfport. At first the church operated as a mission of the First Church of Gulfport, 1947. The membership now numbers 50 and the Sunday school enrolment is 71. The present building is expected to cost approximately \$15,000. Last year there were 16 additions by baptism and 12 by letter.

In order to provide for future expansion, the church now owns 9 lots at its present location.

and go ahead and read their old books." There was a twinkle in his eye. "Of course, then you'd have all those evil suggestions to battle against. On the other hand if you don't, and Marie keeps on spreading her poison about you, you might easily get to hating her good and proper. You can't do that and keep a pure heart too."

Barbara groaned. "Oh, Jay, you make it sound so impossible."

"Well, it is impossible for one little gal like you all by yourself. But it happens that God is sure to be on your side in this matter and He'll help you if you're willing to commit it all to Him. As far as Buddy Rowden is concerned, if he is the right kind of fellow, he will not take that gossip too seriously. What do you say we just have a little time of prayer right now and ask the Lord to take care of the whole matter?"

The next few days weren't easy ones for Barbara. Committing something to the Lord was one thing, and letting it remain committed was another. Several times her indignation rose to such height that she was severely tempted to pick up the phone and tell Marie off. Then to make matters worse one day after school she encountered Marie and Buddy in the drug store having sodas with some of the other kids. The way their conversation ceased as she walked in left no doubt as to what its subject had been. So they'd won Buddy over to their side. It was hard to take!

When she said so to Jay, he simply said, "Well, when you ask for something as rare as a pure heart you have to expect to pay a certain price. But when you really consider the cost you're paying, Barbara, what does it amount to? Nothing but your own pride and stubborn will — two things you'll be better off without. Anyway, whenever you decide you've had enough, there's nothing to stop you from joining the rest of the crowd."

Barbara knew Jay didn't really mean that, but just the same a number of times it occurred to her that maybe she was being a little too straight-laced. Each time, however, she was reminded how God had impressed upon her the neces-

sity of keeping pure in thought as well as deed.

It was two weeks later that she answered the ring of the doorbell one afternoon and found Buddy standing on the front porch.

"Hi," he said grinning broadly. "May I please come in? I have some important business."

"Why, yes of course, do come in," Barbara stammered wondering what his business could be.

Buddy came right to the point. "I know you heard what Eugene said about you that day in the hall. I wondered at the time what your reaction would be, and how deep your consecration went. I have found out in these last weeks that it's the real thing, and not a holier than thou attitude. You didn't lower your standards under the pressure and you didn't get angry with anyone."

"Oh how do you know?" asked Barbara, hardly able to believe her ears.

"Did some investigating. Looked into the books that were in question, too. You were right not to read them. And, you know what, I think I finally got Marie to see what a drain they are on her spiritual life."

Barbara breathed deeply. To think that several times she had almost ruined everything.

"Tonight there's a prayer meeting," Buddy continued. "The whole gang has decided to make a new start. They want to break with everything that would keep them from being pure in mind and in heart. All of a sudden they seem to see the importance of it, thanks to you. May I stop by for you on the way over?"

"Yes, that would be nice," Barbara agreed, and as she watched Buddy go down the street, she whispered, "Lord, will You always kinda keep me reminded that all things do work together for good to them that love the Lord."

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